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CURRENT LITERATURE

MINOR NOTICES

Javanese woods.—Under the direction of Dr. J. W. MOLL, of Groningen, H. H. JANSSONIUS has undertaken to describe in detail the structure of a large collection of the woods of Java,[1] which was made by KOORDERS in connection with his undertaking to prepare for the Buitenzorg Garden a forest flora. KOORDERS marked 4000 individual trees, many of them in the primitive forest, and from these and others collected 15,000 specimens, which form the basis of the work, *Flora arborea javanica*, by KOORDERS and VALETON. The collection of woods comprises 2400 numbers, representing 1070 species, 380 genera, and 80 families. Provision is made for the complete identification of this material with corresponding herbarium material which has been or will be distributed. The descriptive part of this work comprises, under each species, references to the literature (an enormously repetitious method), an account or list of the material, names of the preparations (whether cross, radial, or tangential sections, or macerations), a list of the reagents employed (why not also one of the tools used?), and finally the micrography, including the topography (which is usually illustrated) and a detailed description of the elements. The utmost pains is evident in the attention to every detail of organization and of execution; and if such an enormous accumulation of minutiae is of value to anybody he will certainly find this work a mine of them. It is being issued with the support of the Colonial Office. Professor MOLL desires authors whose work has dealt with the anatomy of woods to send him separates.—C. R. B.

Flora of Columbia, Missouri.—The second number of the science series of "The University of Missouri Studies" is a handsome and bulky volume on the flora of Columbia and vicinity, by F. P. DANIELS.[2] It represents the results of the intensive study of a restricted flora for five or six years, and consists of two parts bearing the titles "Ecology" and "Flora."

Under "Ecology" (pp. 75) "the attempt has been made to indicate the social relationships of the flora; to determine the external factors of these associations; and to ascertain the physiological adaptations of the plants themselves to their environment." The account of plant associations and their distribution, and of the composition of the flora, is to be regarded as a finished one; but the experi-

[1] MOLL, J. W., and H. H. JANSSONIUS, Mikrographie des Holzes der auf Java vorkommenden Baumarten. Erste Lieferung. 8vo. pp. 368. *figs. 44.* Leiden: E. J. Brill. 1906. *M6.*

[2] DANIELS, F. P., The flora of Columbia, Missouri, and vicinity; an ecological and systematic study of a local flora. pp. vi+319. 1907.